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SUBJ: PRESS PLANS ANNOUNCED BY JESUINO

REF: LISBON 3526

1. MASS COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JESUINO, IN INTERVIEWS GRANTED TO "LE MONDE" AND "LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR" JUNE 29-30, ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING PLANS FOR PRESS IN PORTUGAL;  
--REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT PORTUGAL;  
--REDUCTIONS IN DISTRIBUTION AND NUMBER OF PAGES OF REMAINING NEWSPAPERS "BECAUSE OF SALARY AND PAPER COST INCREASES":  
--GOP INTENTION TO CREATE STATE PRESS AGENCY IN CHARGE OF NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATION;  
(INTERVIEW DID NOT STATE WHETHER PRESS AGENCY WOULD TAKE CARE OF ALL NEWSPAPERS OR ONLY THOSE UNDER STATE ECONOMIC CONTROL.)  
--PROABILITY OF MORE MILITARY OFFICERS NAMED TO NEWSPAPERS, EDITORIAL STAFFS;

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2. OTHER SALIENT POINTS MADE BY JESUINO, SAME INTERVIEWS, ARE:

---WAY OUT OF "REPUBLICA" ISSUE MAY BE THROUGH APPOINTMENT  
OF MILITARY OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER PAPER;  
--"QUOTIDIENDE PARIS" EDITION OF "REPUBLICA"  
REINFORCES IDEA THAT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
DOESN'T EXIST IN PORTUGAL AND THAT ACCURATE  
INFORMATION ABOUT PORTUGAL CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED  
FROM FOREIGN MEDIA. (JESUINO DOESN'T AGREE;  
REFERS TO IDEA AS "STRANGE").  
--THAT COMMUNIST PARTY DOESN'T CONTROL PORTUGUESE  
PRESS; (JESUINO SAYS: "WHY SHOULD IT, SINCE IT  
ALREADY HAS ITS OWN PAPER "AVANTE").  
COMMENT: JESUINO'S LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS PRESAGING  
GREATER CONTROL OF PRESS BY AFM SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF  
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL'S 6/21 STATEMENT ON AFM PLAN OF ACTION FOR  
MEDIA. (REFTEL).  
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